MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) A statement* furnishing the details asked for by the member is placed on the table.

(*b*) The rules regarding the collection of fines have recently been modified as a temporary measure, as a result of which, no fine in excess of four chuckrams in English schools and one chuckram in vernacular schools is levied for late payment of the monthly instalment of fees until the present economic condition improves, and pupils who do not pay their fees with fine on or before the tenth day after the due date are permitted to remain in the class till the end of that month.

(*c*) Yes ; a copy† each of the notices (Nos. 10292/21 and 11525/21 dated the 29th September and 14th November 1931, respectively, issued by the Inspector of English Schools, containing his instructions on the subject, is placed on the table.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know when the order of the Inspector of English Schools came into force ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The Inspector issued his circular on the 29th September 1931.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : I think it is given in the answer itself, in part (*c*).

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : I want the date on which the circular was *given effect to*.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It is not specifically stated anywhere in the records, when exactly it was given effect to. So, it must have been given effect to from the date on which it was issued. Obviously, it could not have been effected to before it was issued. It would have been applied for the collection next after its issue.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : I see from the statement furnished that the fines collected in 1106 amount to a larger amount than the fines collected in 1105. Am I to understand that it is for the economic depression that this has been done ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The fines for 1106 were collected mostly under the *old* rules. Hence the increase.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*) : May I know the amount collected as fines during the first half or the first quarter of the year 1106 ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am sorry I have not got the information with me now.

Confirmation of acting teachers.

253. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*) : (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of permanent vacancies in the Second Grade Teachers' cadre in the Education Department with the date on which each of these places fell vacant ?

*Vide Appendix II A—page 753. †*Vide* Appendix II B—page 753.

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(2) Are the Government aware that there is at present a large number of acting teachers in the Department who have already put in five years and more of continuous service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) There are 28 permanent vacancies in the general list of graduate teachers of which 5 are in the 1st grade and 23 in the second grade. These vacancies arose between the years 1101 to 1107, both inclusive.

(2) Yes.

Special favours shown to Heads of Departments and other officer's between Karkatakam 1106 and Tulam 1107.

254. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement containing the names of the Heads of Departments and other officers to whom special favours in the matter of raising their emoluments were shown between Karkatakam 1106 and Tulam 1107 either in the shape of increments in advance or revision of pay with retrospective effect or grant of personal or any other allowances with the amounts in each case before and after such increase?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): A statement* containing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

Statement of officers confirmed with retrospective effect.

255. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of cases in which certain officers were confirmed with retrospective effect;

(*b*) the names of such officers; and

(*c*) the additional amount spent for giving retrospective effect, during the last three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*), The interpellation is too vague and general. If the member would be more definite as regards the period for which the information is wanted and the class of officers he has in view, the necessary information will be called for.

Ambulance cars in the Medical Department.

256. **MR. K. C. CHANDI** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of ambulance cars owned by the Medical Department in 1106;

(*b*) whether the cars were in running order throughout the year;

(*c*) if not, the period during which any of the cars was in the workshop; and

(*d*) the number of drivers entertained and the amount of salary paid?

**Vide* Appendix III—pages 754 and 755.

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